

City of Willoughby Hills

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE FIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 141 – FIRE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 141.05 – EMERGENCY CALL FEES, SUB-SECTION (d) – FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2002 the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills adopted Ordinance No. 2002-108 determining it to be in the best interest of the City and the residents to institute a policy that would bill the residents of Willoughby Hills and their insurers, including the Federal Health Care Programs, Medicare and Medicaid, but only to the extent of their insurance coverage (i.e. no out of pocket costs to the residents) and to treat the revenue received from local taxes as payment of any otherwise applicable co-payments and deductibles due from the residents (i.e. “Insurance Only” billing); and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2005 the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills adopted Ordinance 2005-108 amending Section 141.05 – Rescue Call Fees determining it to be in the best interest of the City and the residents to institute a policy that would bill the non-residents of Willoughby Hills, Waite Hill and their insurers, for nonresident fire and rescue and special services and designated a billing agent for the fees referenced in Section 141.05; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2006 the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills adopted Ordinance No. 2006-29 amending Section 141.05 – Rescue Call Fees and designated Life Force Management, Inc. as the collection agent for the fees referenced within said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City has not increased emergency call fees in nearly nine years and upon the recommendation of the City’s contracted billing service Life Force Management, Inc., the Fire Chief in his email of June 5, 2015 requested that Council consider revisions to Section 141.05 – Emergency Call Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2015, Ordinance No. 2015-27 was adopted increasing the fees for fire and rescue and special services for non-residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Mayor’s Interoffice Memo to Council President, Council Clerk and Council Members, dated May 30, 2017, attached hereto as the “Exhibit A”, consisting of four (4) pages and incorporated herein by reference, a request was made by the Mayor to prepare an ordinance to increase the emergency fees for non-residents as this increase will put the City in line with other area departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The existing **Sub-Section (d) – Fees of Section 141.05 – Emergency Call Fees** of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills be, and it hereby is amended to read and provide in its entirety as follows:

“141.05 EMERGENCY CALL FEES.**(d) Fees**

ALS2	\$900.00
ALS	\$800.00
BLS	\$700.00
Mileage	\$ 14.00

Scene Safety, Traffic Control and Investigation	\$ 435.00
Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety, Traffic Control, plus materials	\$ 495.00
Vehicle Extrications, Extinguishment, Clean up, Scene Safety, Traffic Control, Materials	\$1,800.00
Landing Zone, Vehicle Extrications, Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety Investigation, Traffic Control, Materials	\$2,100.00”

SECTION 2. All Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and they are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills, insofar as it provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and further reason to immediately increase Emergency Service Fees to aid in defraying operational costs of the Willoughby Hills Department of Public Safety; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____, 2017

Nancy E. Fellows
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this _____ day of _____, 2017

Approved by the Mayor

_____, 2017

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger
Mayor